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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/688,371; Filed: October 12, 2000
For: **Recombinant, Replication Defective CELO Virus
and CELO Virus DNA**
Inventors: Cotten *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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